including helicopters.

(d) Total number of tyres imported are approximately 11400.

(e) the total cash outgo for imports is Rs. 11.05 crores approximately and the higher cost incurred over Dunlop rates is estimated to be Rs. 1.20 crores.

(f) The matter of revival of Dunlop is before the Board for Financial and Industrial Reconstruction.

Armed Forces Association with Committee on Security Groups

1370. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Armed forces desire to be associated with the committee on security groups; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) In conformity with our democratic polity, the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces are represented by the Defence Minister on the Cabinet Committee on Security. Further, the Chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force and Defence Secretary are also in attendance in various meetings of the Cabinet Committee on Security on 'as required' basis. These arrangements for associating the Armed Forces in the meetings of the Cabinet Committee on Security are considered adequate.

Upgradation of MIG-29

1371. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether MIG-29 fighter jets are being upgraded;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the upgradation would be completed?